

ORDINANCE NO. 14806

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 33 - 2010

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INTRODUCED BY

JUNE 16, 2010

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AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2010 Capital Fund Budget to appropriate Fifty-One Thousand Twenty-Five (\$51,025) Dollars from the unappropriated balance and to provide for a Comprehensive City-Wide Park Signage Project and provide for unanticipated expenses in the Cedar Parkway Improvements Phase I project.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes an increase to the unappropriated balance of the Capital Fund in the amount of Fifty-One Thousand Twenty-Five (\$51,025) Dollars in conjunction with Lehigh County Court Order dated February 11, 2010.

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the Capital Fund in the following manner.

**Capital Fund  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
City-Wide Park Signage**

<b>001-08-1672-1060-44</b>	<b>Professional Service Fees</b>	<b>\$ 30,000.00</b>
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**Capital Fund  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
Cedar Parkway Improvements Phase I Project**

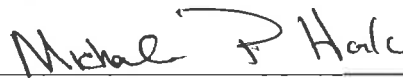
<b>001-08-1638-1060-76</b>	<b>Construction Contracts</b>	<b>\$ 21,025.00</b>
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SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

	Yea	Nay
W. Michael Donovan		
Jeanette Eichenwald	X	
Julio A. Guridy	X	
Ray O'Connell	X	
Michael Schlossberg	X	
Peter G. Schweyer		
Michael D'Amore, President	X	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on July 21st and signed by the Mayor on July 23rd, 2010.



CITY CLERK

## LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

Department of Parks & Recreation

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

This ordinance places \$51,025 from the Trexler Fund into the Capital Fund as required by Court Order dated February 11, 2010 and appropriates the funds into the capital project City Wide Park Signage to hire a professional firm to develop, following recommendations from 'Connecting our Community', the City Wide Trail Network Plan, to plan, design, prepare bidding documents and provide construction administration for a new city-wide park and trail signage and way finding system. The remaining \$21,025 will be placed in the Cedar Parkway Capital project fund to provide for unanticipated construction costs to remove a dormant water pipe and install a foundation for the handicap accessible restroom at the playground site.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**
  - **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
  - **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
  - **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

'Connecting our Community' which was recently adopted by City Council, recommends establishing an interconnected network of off-road and on-road trails throughout the entire City of Allentown.

As part of this plan, a model park and trail signage template was created with the goal of establishing a framework of sign types, information hierarchy and design standards to support further efforts to formulate final sign designs and construction documents.

This bill will allow the next step to be completed, including the following objectives:

- Establish a comprehensive and consistent welcome and wayfinding program for the City of Allentown Park System,
- Provide clear and consistent rules and regulations for all park and trail users throughout the entire system,
- Help direct users and visitors through the parks and between parks via trails, as well as nearby attractions and services and the downtown core,
- Enhance the success and market potential for the parks, recreation facilities, natural resources, arts/entertainment attractions and historic resources.

In addition, this bill provides funding for unanticipated construction costs associated with the Cedar Creek Parkway renovation project.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
  - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
  - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

As part of 'Connecting our Community', sign placement and a wayfinding template was established for Trexler Park, Cedar Creek Parkway, Union Terrace, Lehigh Parkway and portions of the MLK Trail and Fountain Park. The \$30,000 will be used to hire a professional design firm to plan, design, prepare bidding documents and provide construction administration for the remainder of all parks within the City. To purchase and install the new signs, the COA plans to submit a Lehigh County Green Future Fund grant and use Trexler Trust capital appropriations.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**
  - **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

Trexler Fund as required by Court Order dated February 11, 2010.

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

In order to complete new signage for the Cedar Creek Parkway project, Keck Park renovation and Lehigh River East Side Trail projects, remove outdated signage across the system as well as the need to hold public meetings to review these plans, the administration would greatly appreciate this being completed in a timely fashion.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

To achieve the goal of establishing a framework of sign types, information hierarchy and design standards to support further efforts to formulate final sign designs and construction documents.

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Provide for unanticipated construction costs for the Cedar Creek Parkway renovation project.